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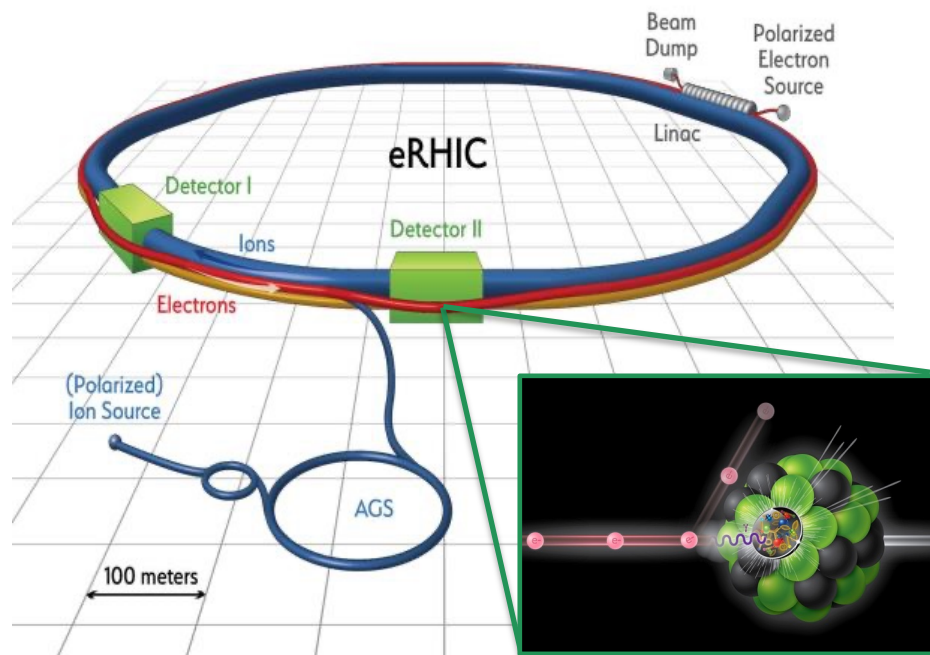
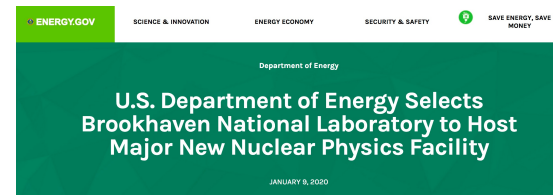


# Outline

- Why and how to measure heavy flavor at the future Electron-Ion Collider (EIC)?
- Detector design and developments to realize the EIC heavy flavor measurements.
- Open heavy flavor hadron/jet studies in simulation.
- Summary and outlook.

# The Electron-Ion Collider will bring new opportunities in high-energy nuclear physics

- The proposed Electron-Ion Collider (EIC) CD0 has been announced and the site is selected to be BNL.
- **e-p** collisions at the EIC:
  - (Polarized) p, d/<sup>3</sup>He beams at 40-275 GeV.
  - (Polarized) e beam at 2.5-18 GeV.
  - Instant luminosity  $L_{\text{int}} \sim 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$ . A factor of  $\sim 1000$  higher than HERA.
  - Bunch crossing rate: 1-10 ns.
- **e-A** collisions at the EIC:
  - Multiple nuclear species ( $A=2-208$ ) and variable center of mass energies.
  - Instant luminosity  $L_{\text{int}} \sim 10^{33-34} \text{ cm}^{-2}\text{sec}^{-1}$ .
  - Bunch crossing rate: 1-10 ns.



# Heavy quarks play a special role within the EIC science portfolio

- The measured heavy flavor jet/hadron cross section contains the information about both the **initial nucleon/nuclear parton distributions** and the **final state fragmentation processes**.

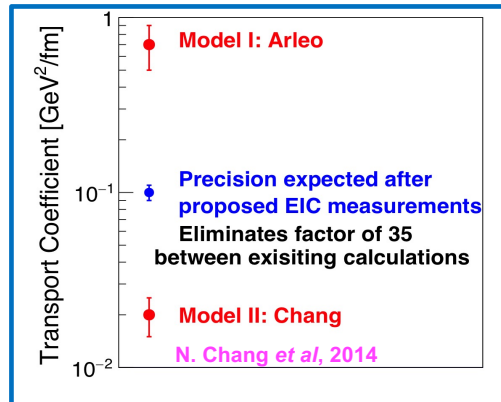
$$d\sigma_{\text{jet [hadron]}} = f(x_B) \times H [ \times D(z_h) ]$$

**Distribution of quarks and gluons in nucleons/nuclei**

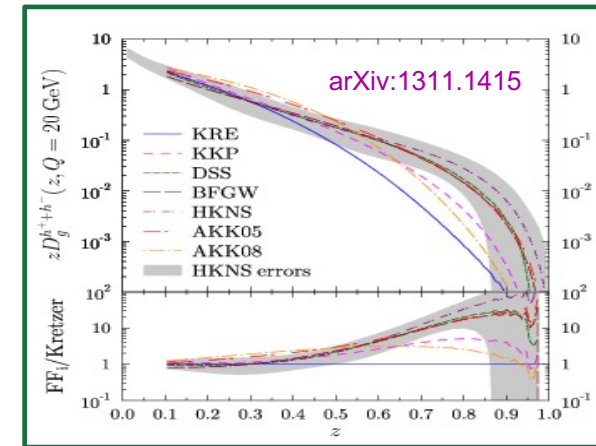
**Accurately computable perturbative part**

**Fragmentation function**

## Nuclear transport coefficient



gluon FF



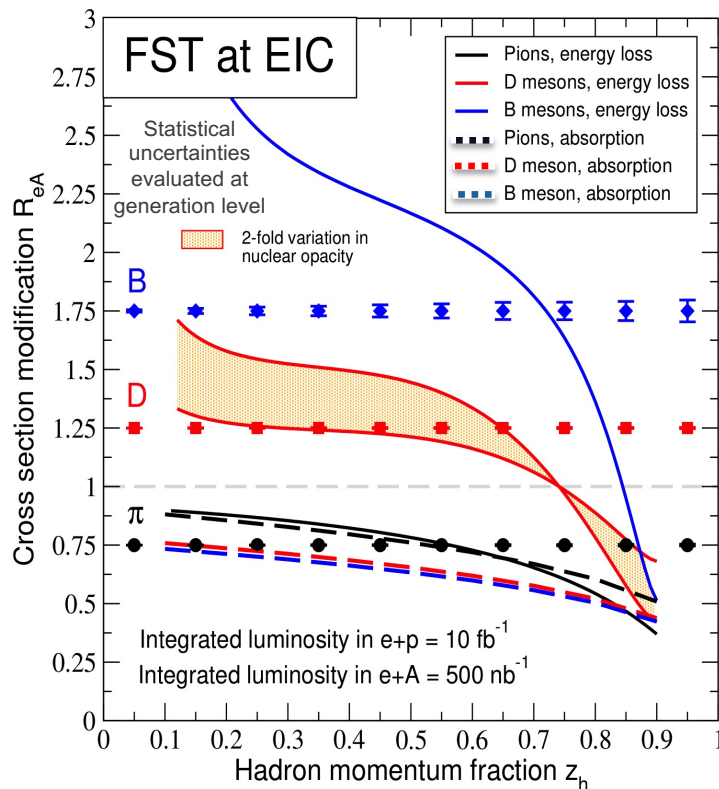
- Heavy quark nuclear transport properties are predicted to be distinctly different from light quarks, giving unique discriminating power between different models.



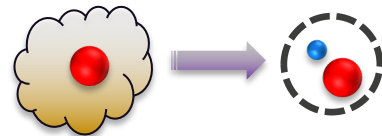
# Heavy flavor physics observables at the EIC to probe hadronization in medium

- Calculations done in the energy loss approach:
  - **Tremendous discriminating power** between models of energy loss and hadronization in matter.
  - Can **constrain nuclear opacities & transport properties to 20%**.
- Strong discriminating power provided by heavy flavor measurements to separate different nuclear effects.

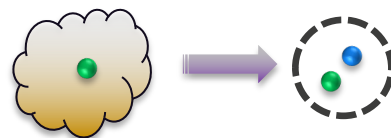
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**Heavy quark**  
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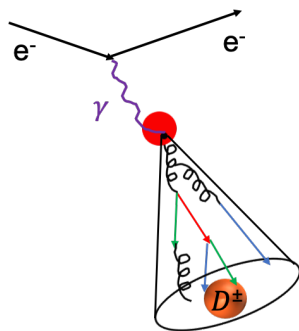
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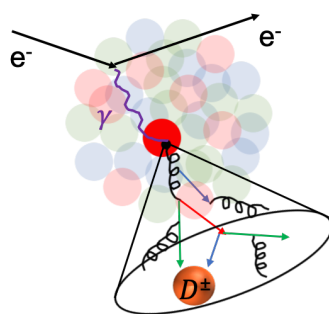
# How to measure heavy quarks in experiments?

- At the EIC, hadrons or jets which contain heavy quarks can be identified by detectors using their unique lifetime and masses.

$$e^- + p \rightarrow e^- + jet(D^\pm) + X$$



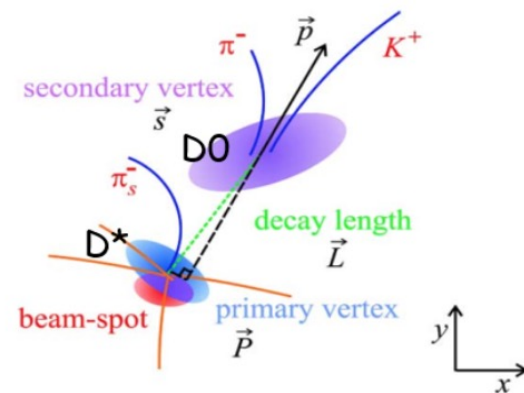
$$e^- + Au \rightarrow e^- + jet(D^\pm) + X$$



Particle	Mass (GeV/c <sup>2</sup> )	Average decay length
$D^\pm$	1.869	312 micron
$D^0$	1.864	123 micron
$B^\pm$	5.279	491 micron
$B^0$	5.280	456 micron

- Physics-driven detector performance requirements:

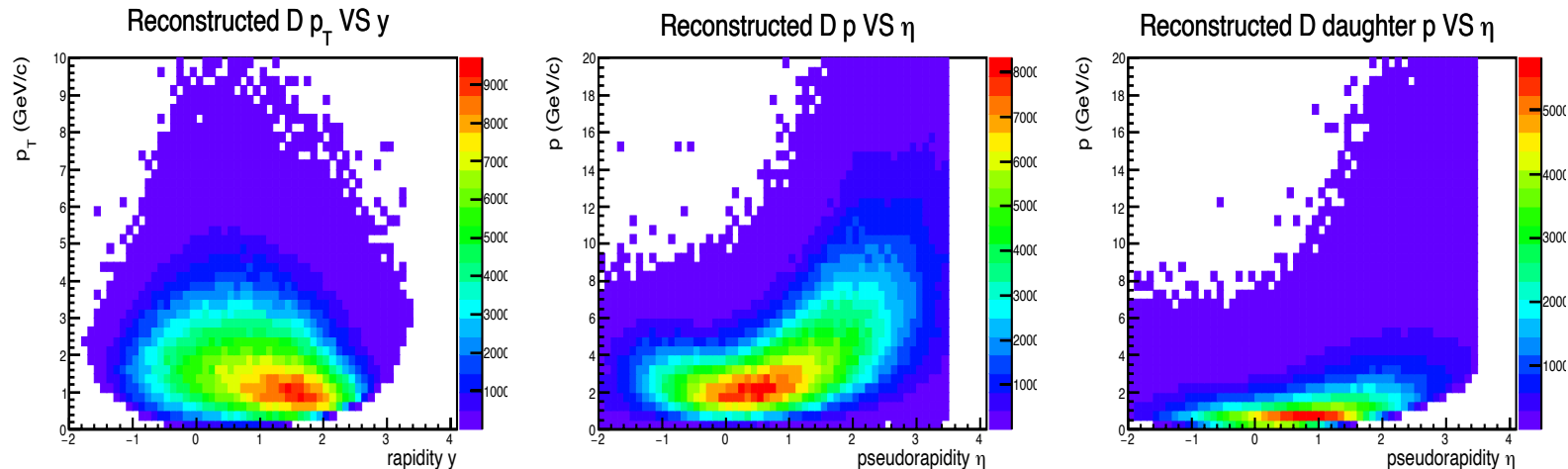
- Fine spatial resolution (<100  $\mu\text{m}$ ) for displaced vertex reconstruction.
- Fast timing resolution to suppress backgrounds from neighboring collisions.
- Low material budgets to maintain fine hit resolution.





# A forward silicon vertex/tracking detector is required at the EIC

- Particles produced in the asymmetric electron+proton and electron+nucleus collisions have a higher production rate in the forward pseudorapidity. The EIC detector is required to have **large granularity, especially in the forward region.**

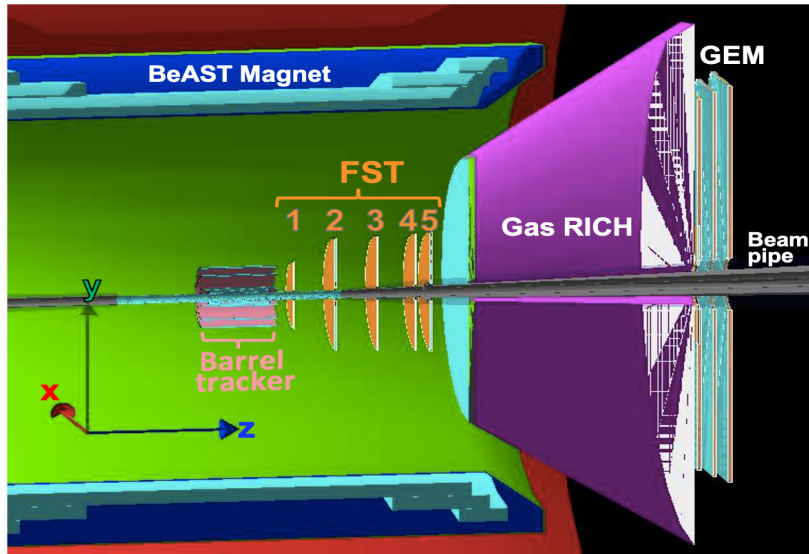


- To meet the heavy flavor physics measurements, a silicon vertex/tracking detector with **low material budgets and fine spatial resolution** is needed.

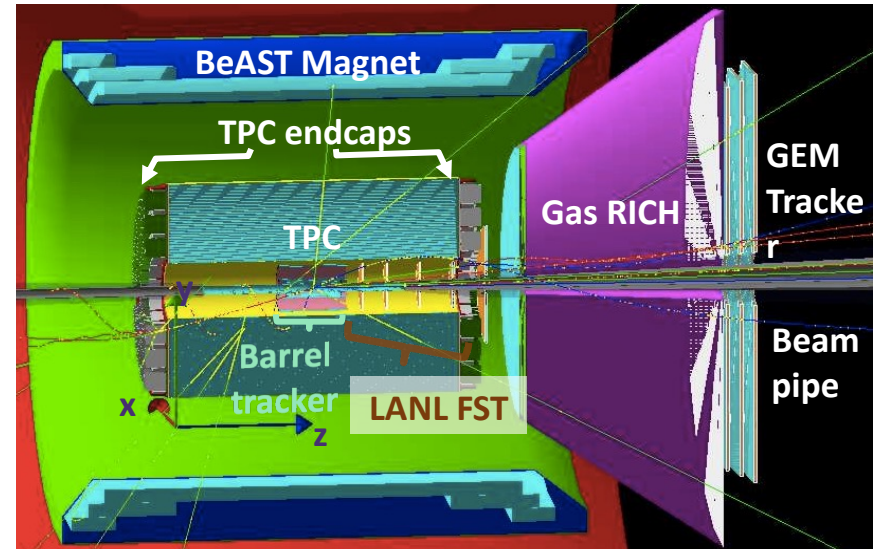
# Conceptual design of the proposed Forward Silicon Tracking detector for the EIC

- GEANT4 simulation within the Fun4All framework:
  - The proposed Forward Silicon Tracking detector (FST) with  $1.0 < \eta < 3.5$  :  
3 planes of Monolithic Active Pixel Sensor (MAPS) silicon detector and 2 forward planes of HV-MAPS silicon detector. [See more details in arXiv:2009.02888](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.02888)

LANL FST integrated inside the EIC



Different geometries have been explored



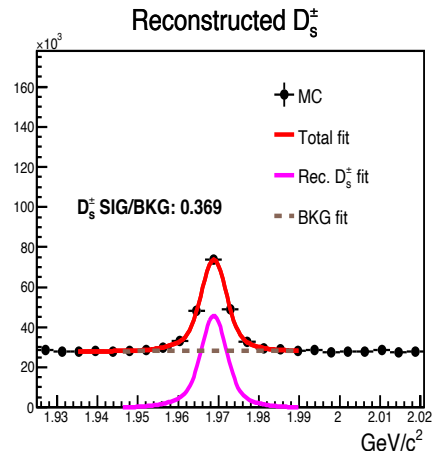
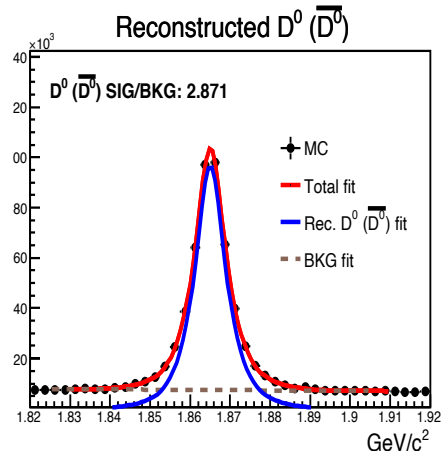
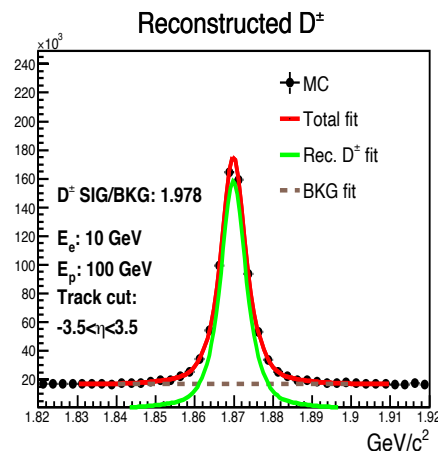
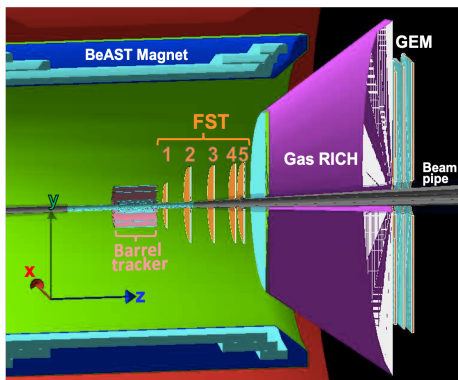
# Reconstructed heavy flavor hadron with the proposed FST in simulation

- The full analysis framework which includes the **event generation** (PYTHIA), **detector response in GEANT4 simulation**, **beam remnant & QCD background**, and **hadron reconstruction algorithm** have been setup.
- Mass distributions of reconstructed **D-meson** family in 10 GeV electron and 100 GeV proton collisions with integrated luminosity:  $10 \text{ fb}^{-1}$ .

Different detector geometries and magnet options have been studied. More details in [arXiv:2009.02888](https://arxiv.org/abs/2009.02888).

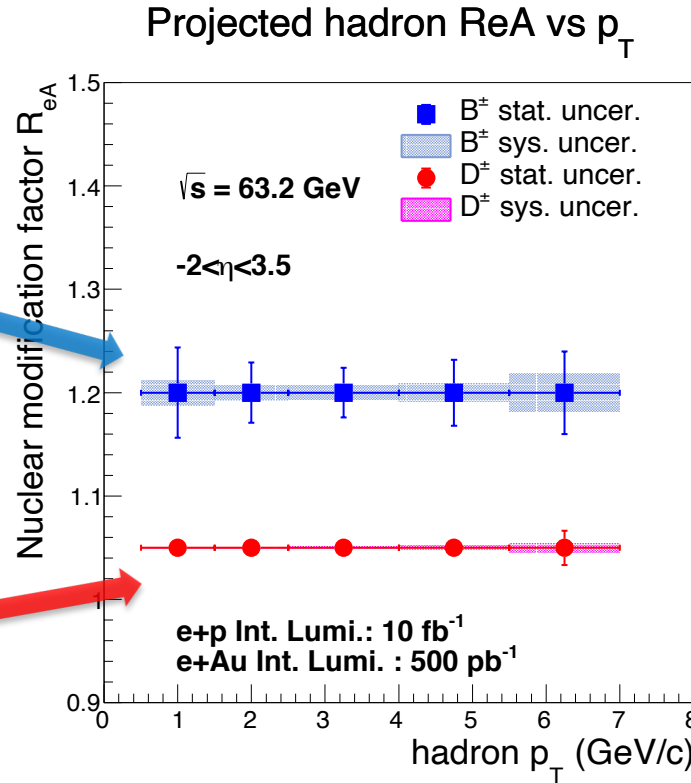
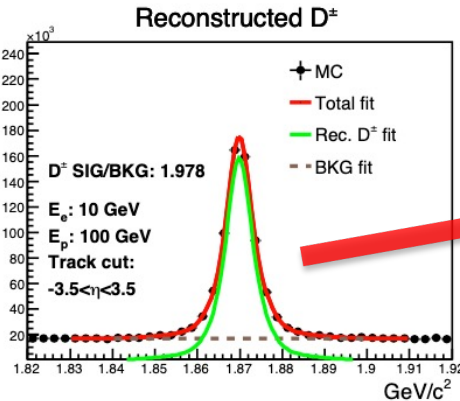
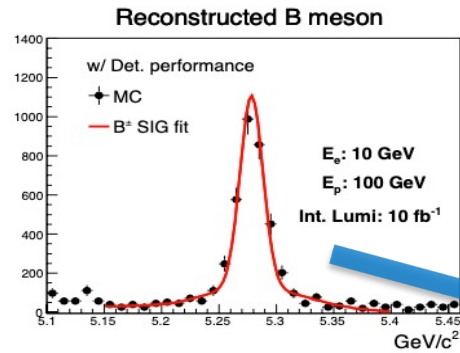
## Reconstructed D-meson mass spectrum

### Detector geometry



# Flavor dependent nuclear modification factor projections for reconstructed hadrons

- Inclusive flavor dependent hadron nuclear modification factor  $R_{eA}$  projection in 10+100 GeV e+Au collisions.



Nuclear modification factor:

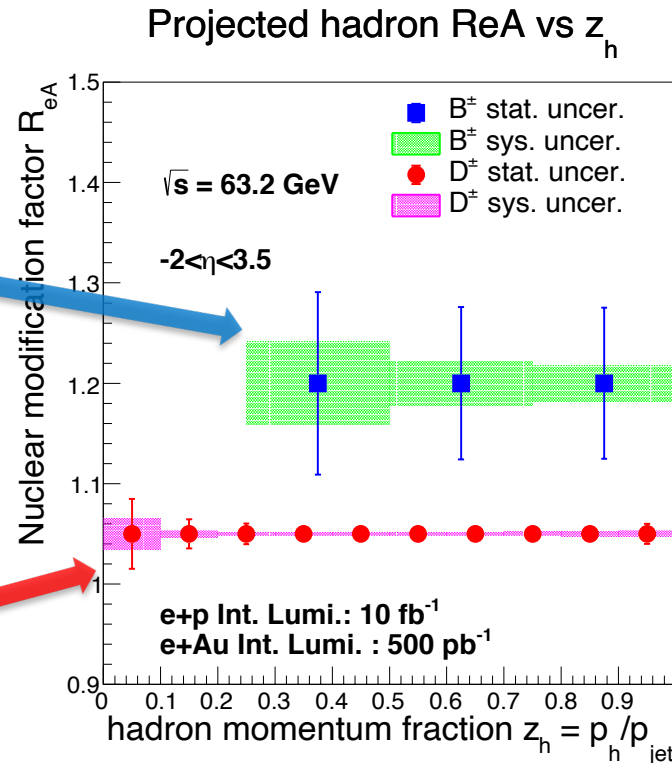
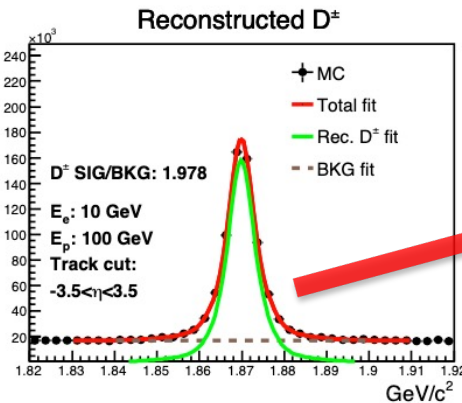
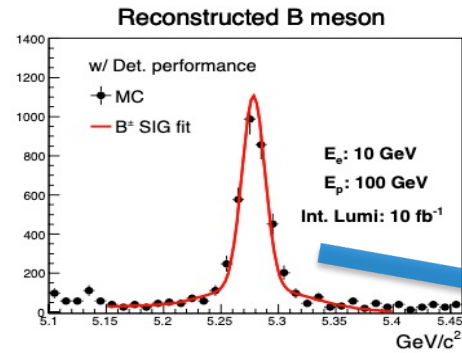
$$R_{eA} = \frac{\sigma_{eA}}{A\sigma_{ep}}$$

Systematic uncertainty sources:

- Different detector designs and performances.
- Different magnet options: Beast VS Babar.

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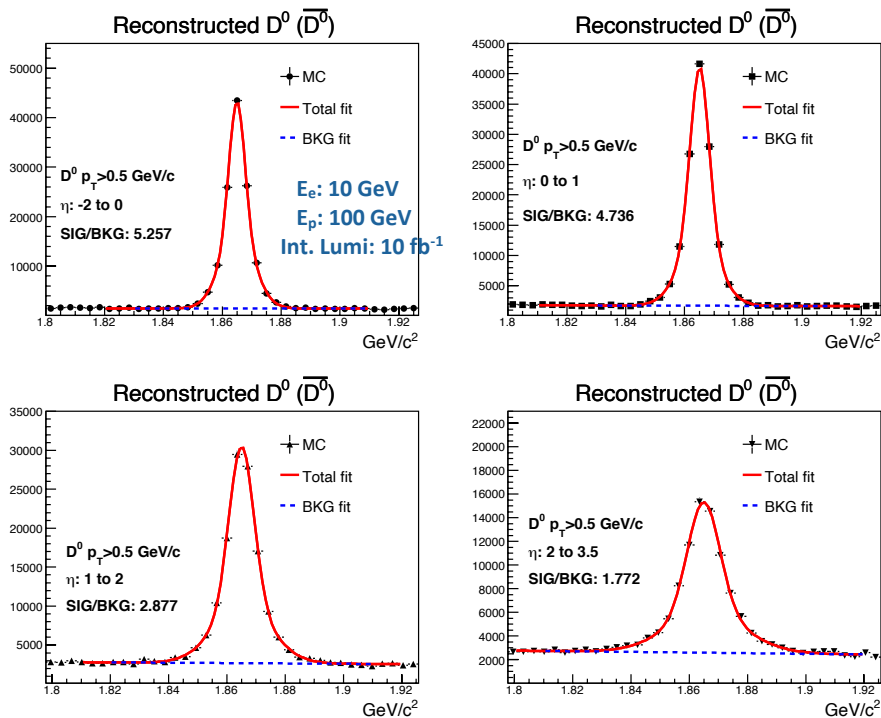


- Good statistical uncertainties can be achieved by reconstructed heavy flavor hadrons.
- Can provide good discriminator power to separate different model predictions.

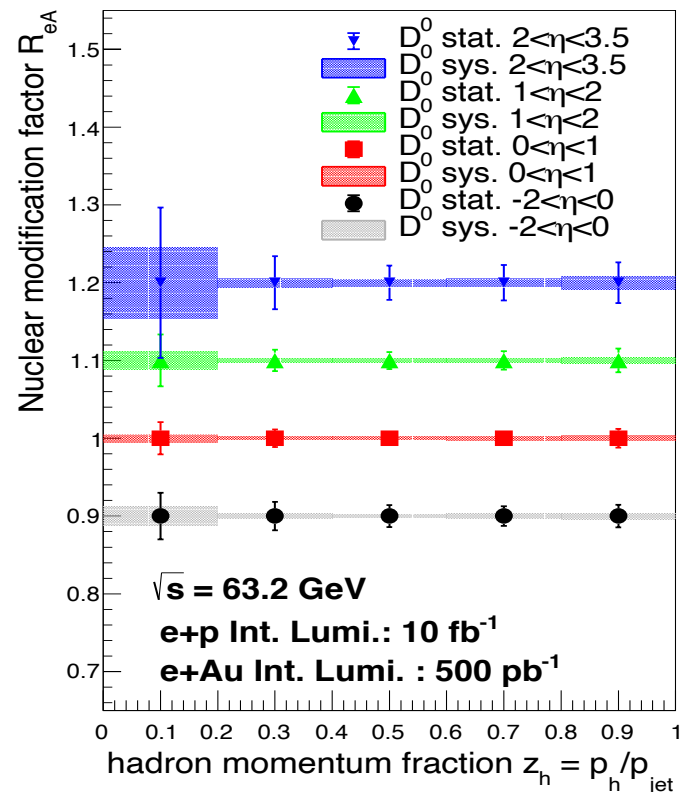
# Separate the kinematics: pseudorapidity dependence

- Heavy flavor produced in different pseudorapidity regions experience different initial and final state effects.

## $\eta$ dependent reconstructed $D^0$ mass distribution



## Projected hadron ReA vs $z_h$

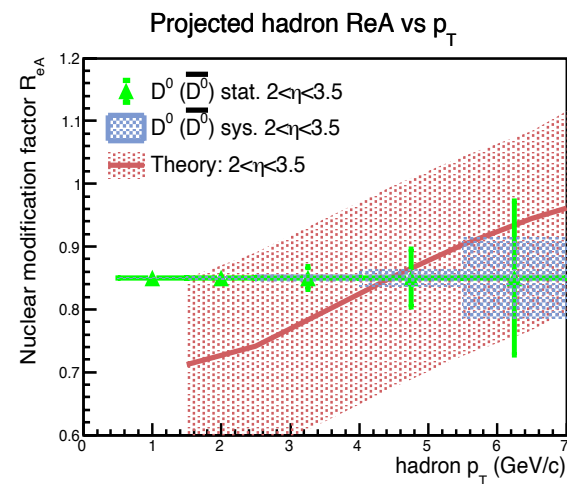
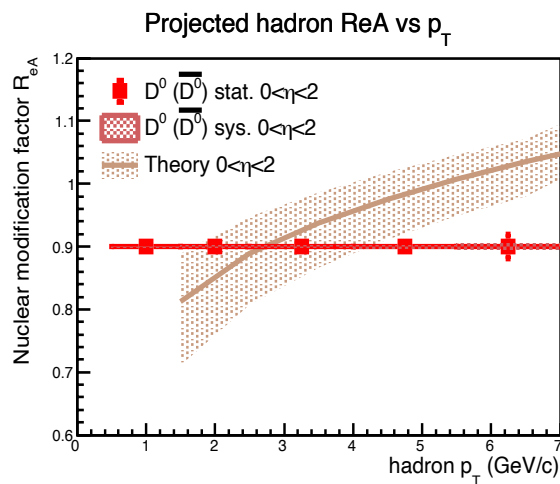
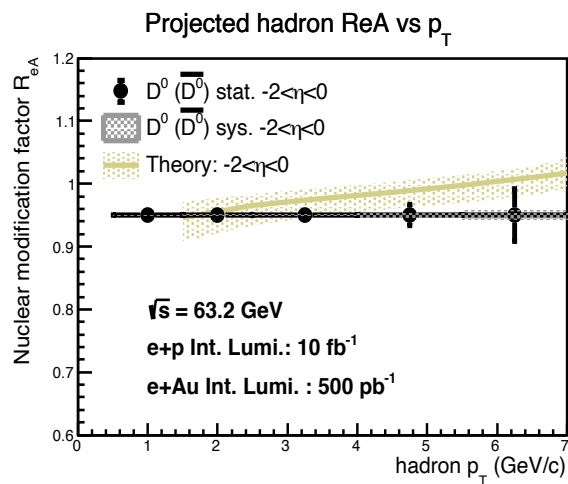




# Comparison with the theoretical predication

- Heavy flavor measurements especially in the forward regions at the EIC has enhanced sensitivity to the hadronization process in medium and the nuclear transport properties.

$p_T$  dependent  $R_{eA}$  for  $D^0$  meson in different pseudorapidity regions



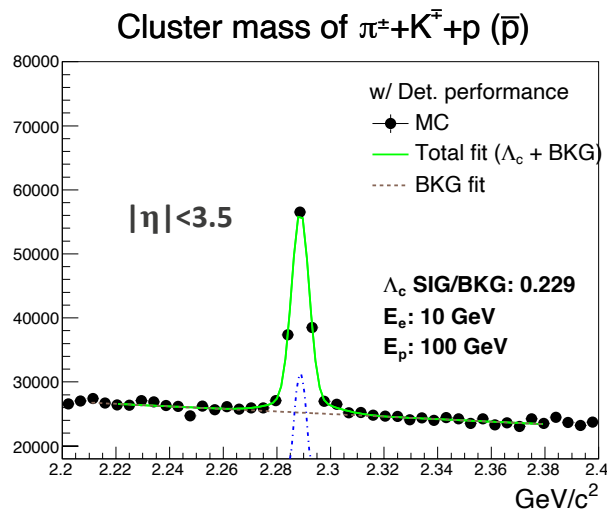
Theoretical calculations from the HF tomography in EIC, arXiv: 2007.10994



# Heavy flavor hadron and jet studies

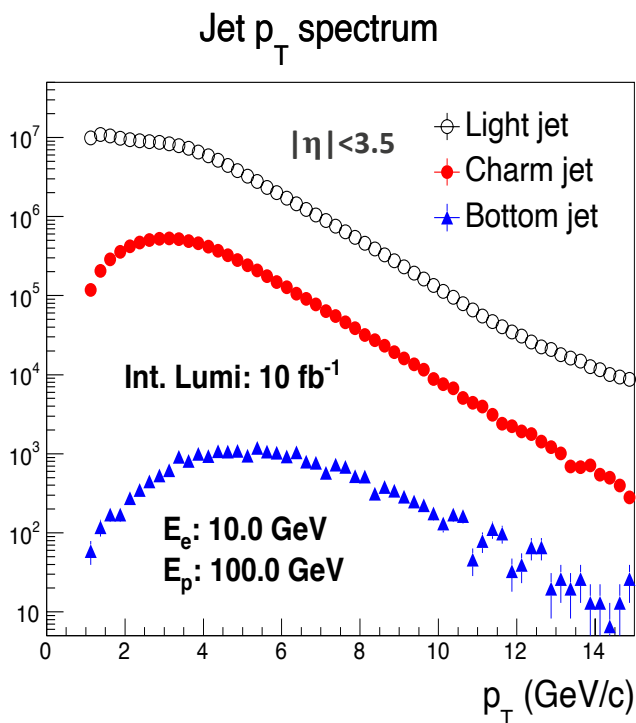
- More reconstructed heavy flavor products have been explored in the full simulation including vertex, tracking and PID performance.

## Charm baryon reconstruction



A different approach to the hadronization process such as  $\Lambda_c/D$  ratio to check the impacts from recombination in vacuum/medium.

## Flavor tagged jet yields



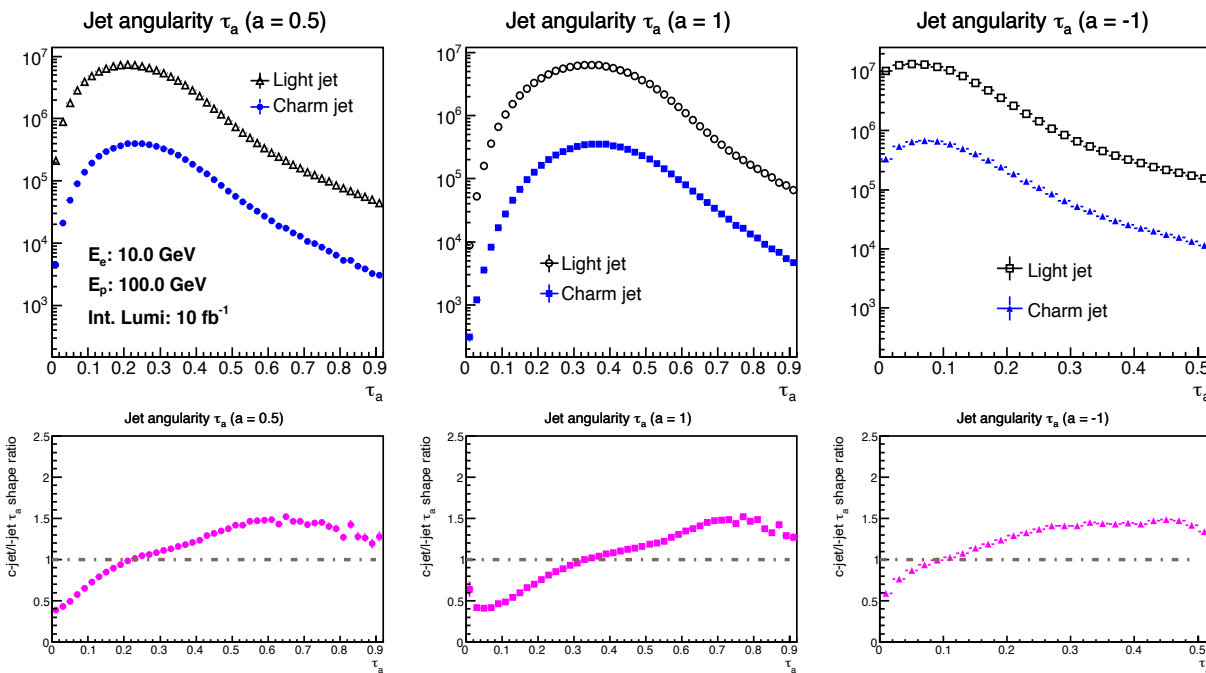
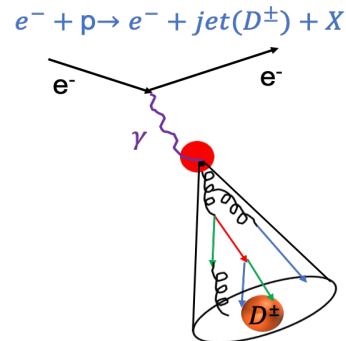
- Jet reconstruction using the anti- $k_T$  algorithm with cone radius at 1.0.
- Tag **charm-jets** (**bottom-jets**) with associated displaced vertex.
- Jet yields are not corrected by the reconstruction efficiency yet.

# Jet substructure for different flavor jets

- A new probe to explore the hadronization origin and process: jet angularity.

Definition (**JHEP 1804 (2018) 110**):  $\tau_a \equiv \tau_a^{pp} \equiv \frac{1}{p_T} \sum_{i \in J} p_T^i (\Delta \mathcal{R}_{iJ})^{2-a}$

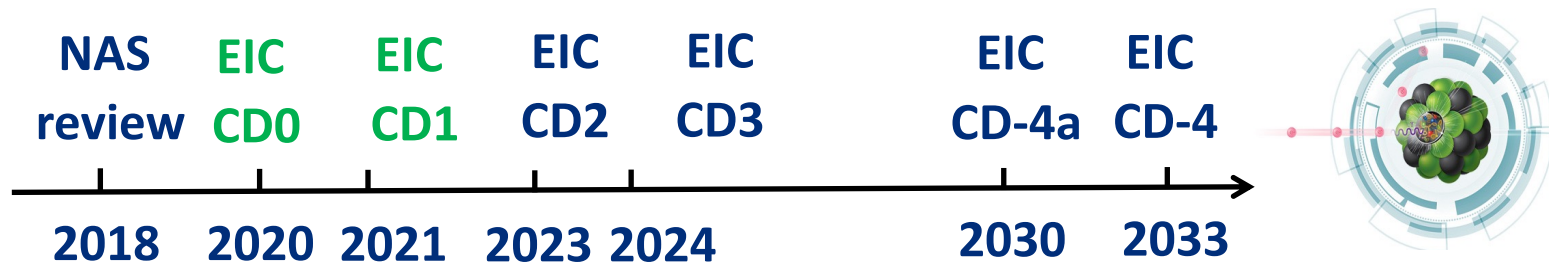
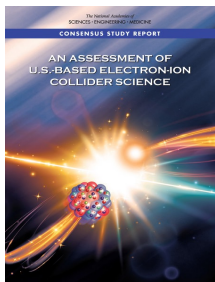
Initial studies in arXiv: 2007.14417



- Shed light into how quarks/gluons recombine into final hadrons with different masses.
- Impacts by nuclear medium effects will be studied in e+A collisions.

# Summary and Outlook

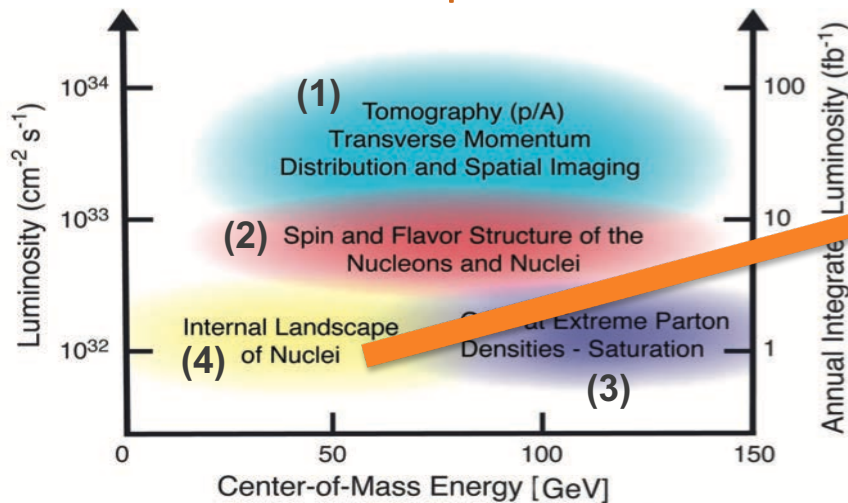
- Good progresses and results have been achieved in the EIC heavy flavor and jet studies with detector performances evaluated in full simulation.
- The new heavy flavor and jet program for the EIC will explore the flavor dependent parton energy loss in medium and the hadronization processes in the poorly constrained kinematic region.
- We look forward to work with more collaborators and contribute to the EIC realization.



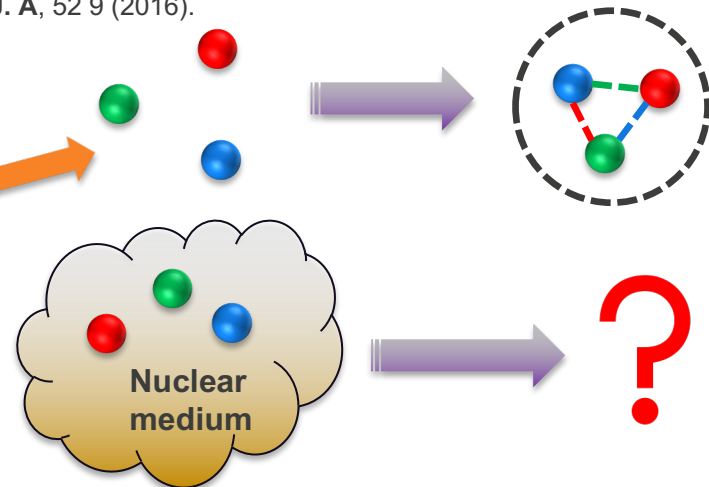
# Backup

# Fundamental questions to be explored by the EIC

- The proposed EIC will (1) precisely study the nucleon/nuclei 3D structure, (2) help address the proton spin puzzle and (3) explore the nucleon/nuclei parton density extreme – gluon saturation.
- It will provide a clean environment to (4) explore how quarks and gluons form visible matter inside the vacuum/medium, which is referred to as the hadronization process.



A. Accardi et al, *Eur. Phys. J. A*, 52 9 (2016).



# Heavy quarks play a special role within the EIC science portfolio (I)

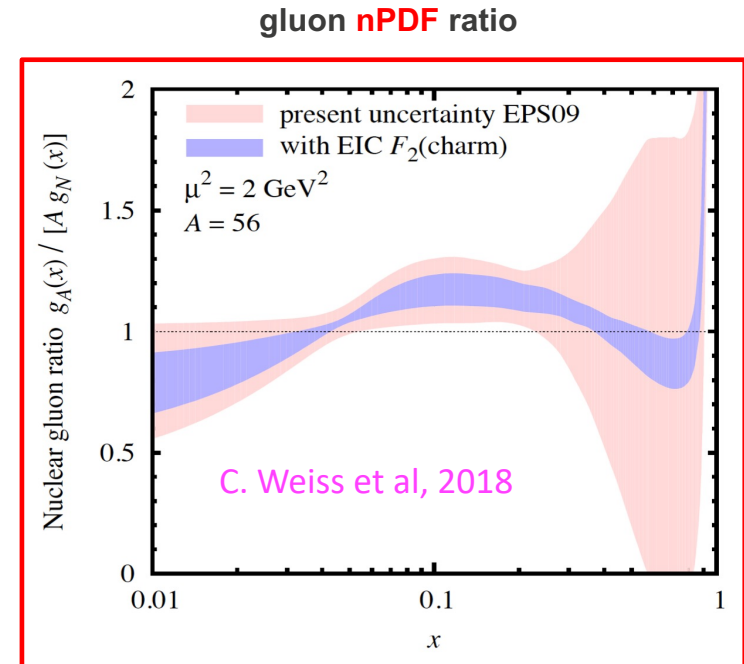
- Heavy quarks **c** (charm  $M_c=1.3$  GeV), **b** (bottom  $M_b=4.5$  GeV) are heavier than the proton. They are created in the initial collision and can probe the parton (quark or gluon) evolution processes inside the vacuum and the medium.

$$d\sigma_{\text{jet}} = f(x_B) \times H$$

**Distribution of quarks and gluons in nucleons/nuclei**

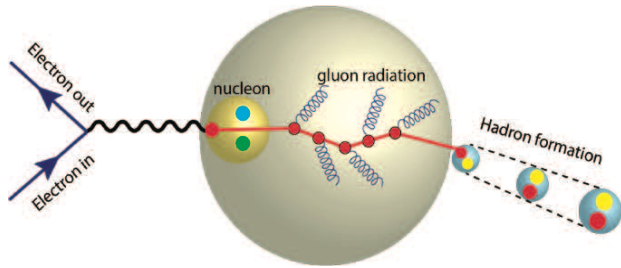
**Accurately computable perturbative part**

- The measured heavy flavor jet cross section contains information about the **initial nucleon/nuclear parton (quark or gluon) distributions**.



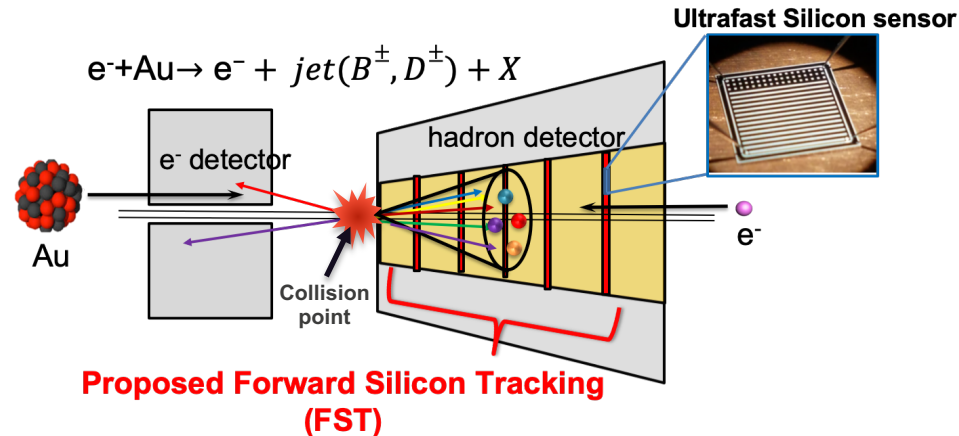
# New EIC heavy flavor and jet program at LANL

- An EIC DR (20200022DR), Oct. 2019 to Sep. 2022, is funded by the LANL LDRD office with PI: Ivan Vitev, Co-PI: Xuan Li and 15+ staff/postdocs.



- Through this EIC project at LANL, we will explore hadronization processes and their medium modifications using heavy flavor and jet probes at the EIC.

- We will carry out detector R&D for several advanced silicon sensor candidates and complete the conceptual design for a **forward silicon tracking detector** to realize the EIC heavy flavor and jet physics measurements.

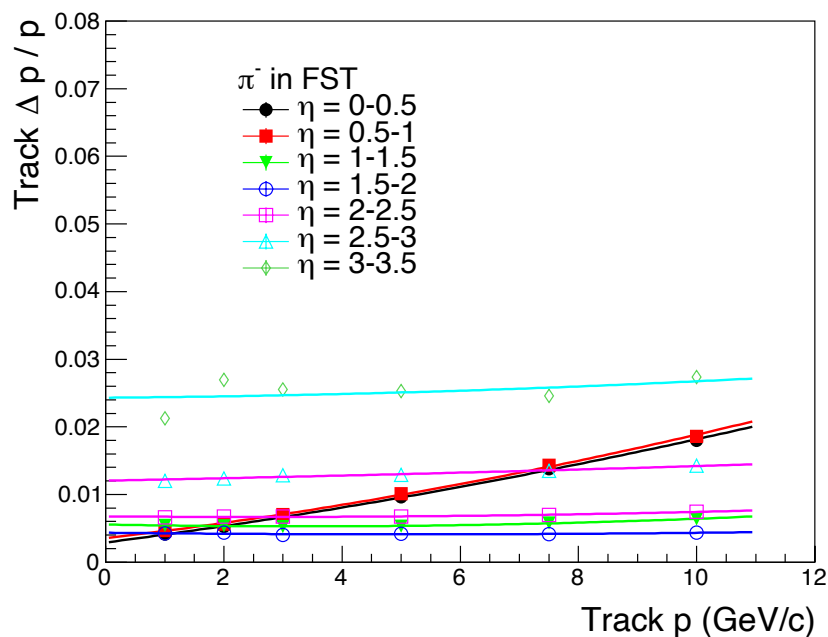




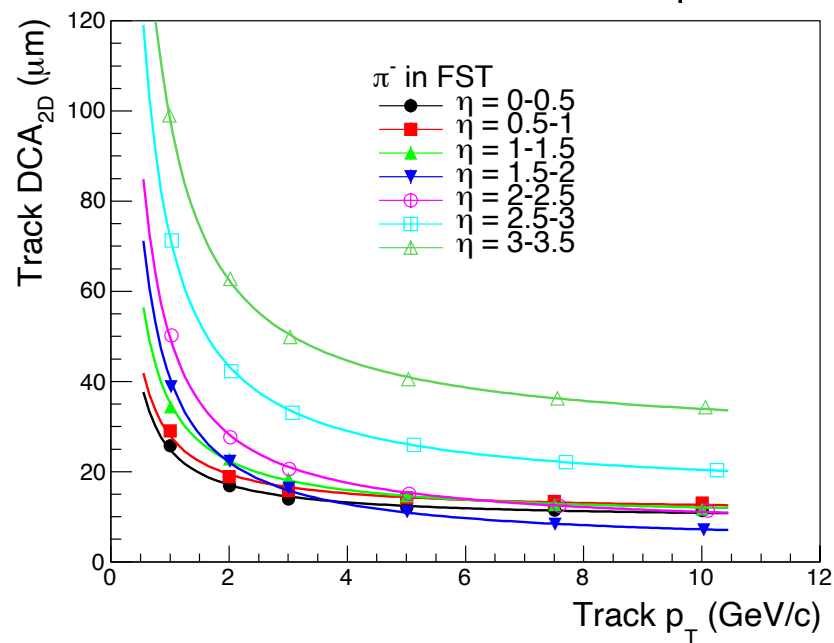
# LANL FST performance

- With Beast magnet

$\Delta p / p$  VS  $p$



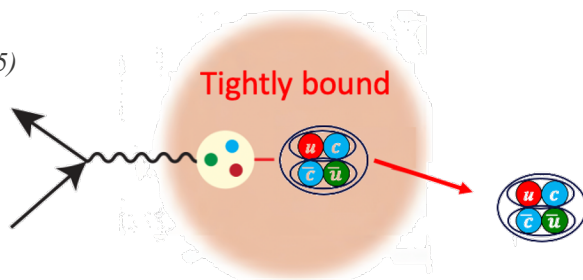
DCA<sub>2D</sub> resolution VS  $p_T$



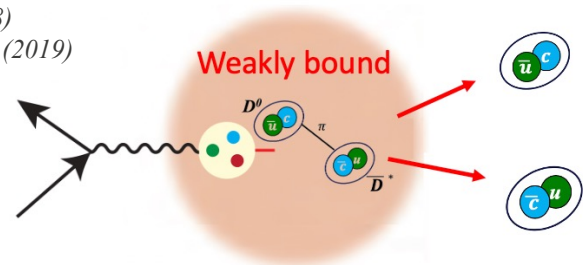
# Exotic heavy flavor states at the EIC

- New physics observables are under study.
  - Structure and formation process of new exotic hadrons, e.g. X(3872) can be explored by measuring their suppression in e+A collisions.

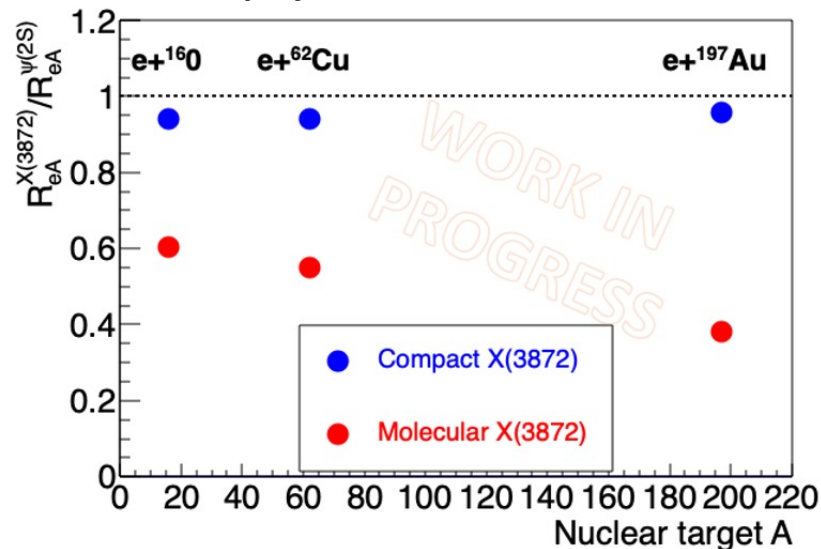
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Relative modification of X(3872)/  $\psi(2S)$   
projection at  $\sqrt{s} = 63.2\text{GeV}$



Arleo et al., PRC, 61 054906 (2000)